PRESENT—*cont.*

Sivasubrahmanya Ayyar, Mr. K. S.
Slater, C.M.G., C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. S. H.
Smith, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. E. C.
Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Stanes, Mr. F. J.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M. (Zamindar of Minampalli).
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu (Sri Vyricherla Narayana Gajapati Raju), The.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi (Sri Raja Ravu Ramakrishna Ranga Rao), The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram (Mirzapuram Raja alias Venkataramayya Appa Rao), The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Extent of retrenchment in the Educational department.

* 56 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount retrenched is in the departments of elementary, secondary and collegiate education, in grants, maintenance of institutions, building and equipment grants, etc., and staff in the offices;

(*b*) whether a place of Deputy Director of Public Instruction was recommended to be abolished; and

(*c*) whether it was abolished; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to Table B in Appendix III to the Report of the Madras Retrenchment Committee which shows the savings effected under the several heads in 1931–32. Orders on some of the recommendations of the Committee are just being given effect to. Certain recommendations, particularly those relating to grants to non-Government institutions, are still under consideration. It is not, therefore, possible to calculate *at present* the amount of retrenchment in the current year.

(*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to paragraph 15 on page 122 of the Report referred to above. The Committee did not recommend the abolition of a post of Deputy Director, but recommended a *reduction* in the number of deputies by one and suggested that the post of Deputy Directress might be held in abeyance rather than the temporary post of Deputy Director for Elementary Education. The Government accepted the suggestion.

Report of the Muslim Education Committee.

* 57 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received the report of the Muslim Education Committee;

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(b) if so, on what date it was received; and

(c) whether the Government have passed any orders on the report?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes, on the 22nd March 1932.

(*c*) The report is under consideration.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask when the Government expect to pass orders on the report? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I cannot say."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" May I know whether copies of the report will be made available to the Members of the House? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" When the time comes; not at once."

Excise

Memorial from the menials of the Excise department asking for a change in their appellation.

* 58 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received any memorial or representation from the association of the menials in the Excise department asking for a change in their appellation; and

(*b*) if so, what orders were passed by the Government thereon?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government declined to grant the request.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know what is the change that was asked for here? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" So far as I remember they asked for a change in their designation. They wanted to be called constables."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" What is the objection on the part of the Government for effecting the change? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" They can do equally well with their present designation. There is no reason for the change."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will this change cause any financial loss to Government? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It may not; but that is not the only consideration."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" What are the other considerations, Sir? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I am not prepared to give a list of them. I want notice if my hon. Friend is anxious about knowing all the considerations on which the order was based."